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11 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
12 **DISTRICT OF NEVADA**  
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14 VICTOR EMANUEL RODRIGUEZ,  
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16 Plaintiff,

17 vs.

18 JAMES EDWARD PATINO, an individual;  
WAL-MART STORES, INC., a Delaware  
19 Corporation d/b/a WAL-MART  
TRANSPORTATION, LCC; DOES I through X,  
20 and ROE CORPORATIONS I through X,  
inclusive,

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22 Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2:16-cv-00384 -JAD-PAL

**STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF  
CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIVE  
ORDER**

23 Pursuant to FRCP 26(c)(1), it is hereby stipulated and agreed by the undersigned counsel for  
24 each of the parties to this action that, in order to preserve and maintain the confidentiality of certain  
25 documents that contain proprietary, trade secret and confidential information and/or other documents  
26 or information which may otherwise be sensitive, and which will be obtained from Wal-Mart Stores,  
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1 Inc, and related Wal-Mart entities ("Wal-Mart"), the following Confidentiality Protective Order shall  
2 be entered by the Court.

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4 Dated: Jan 20, 20167

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18 **CONFIDENTIALITY PROTECTIVE ORDER**

19 Pursuant to the foregoing stipulation of the parties, it is hereby ordered as follows:

20 1. Documents and information to be provided by Wal-Mart, that are claimed to contain  
21 confidential information, including copies thereof and information contained in such material, shall  
22 hereafter be referred to as "Protected Documents" and marked as "Confidential - Subject to  
23 Protective Order," or similar language in accordance with the provisions of this Order shall only be  
24 used, shown or disclosed as provided in this Order.

25 2. A list identifying Protected Documents will be provided to Plaintiff and updated as  
26 necessary. The list itself will be considered a Protected Document.

27 3. As used in this Order, the term "documents" means all written material, videotapes  
28 and all other tangible items, produced in whatever format (e.g., hard copy, electronic, digital, etc.)

1 and on whatever media (e.g., hard copy, videotape, computer diskette, CD-ROM, DVD, hard drive  
2 or otherwise).

3 3. To preserve the formatting/presentation of certain data, certain documents will be  
4 produced in their native format. These documents, produced in native format, will not be  
5 individually stamped or labeled. Instead, the CDs containing the document will be labeled with the  
6 confidential designation. Any person who copies the CDs or prints any of the documents stored on  
7 the CDs must stamp or label the copies or prints with a Protected Documents designation.

8 4. The designated Protected Documents and copies shall be marked by placing the notice  
9 "Confidential – Subject to Protective Order," or similar notice, on the document and all copies..

10 5. Protected Documents and any copies thereof received pursuant to this Order shall be  
11 maintained confidential, shall be used only for preparation for the trial and prosecution of this  
12 lawsuit, and maybe disclosed only to (a) Plaintiff; (b) Attorneys for Plaintiff and their paralegal and  
13 clerical staffs, and (c) Experts and consultants retained or individuals consulted by Plaintiff or their  
14 attorneys for assistance in trial preparation or for testimony ("Recipients"), provided that no  
15 disclosure shall be made to any expert or consultant who is employed by a competitor of Wal-Mart  
16 Stores, Inc, and related Wal-Mart entities.

17 6. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 502(d), in the event of disclosure (including  
18 production) of Protected Documents that contain legally privileged information that a party or non-  
19 party later claims was inadvertently disclosed, including, but not limited to, the attorney-client  
20 privilege or work product doctrine, this agreement shall not constitute a waiver of the protections  
21 afforded the inadvertent disclosure legally privileged information..attorney-client privilege, attorney  
22 work product, or other grounds which the Producing Party would be entitled in the Litigation or any  
23 other federal or state proceeding. Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 26(b)(5)(B) and  
24 Federal Rule of Evidence 502(e). The Receiving Party hereby agrees to return, sequester, or destroy  
25 any Privileged Information disclosed or produced by the Producing Party upon request. If the  
26 Receiving Party reasonably believes that Privileged Information has been inadvertently disclosed or  
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1 produced to it, it shall promptly notify the Producing Party and sequester such information until  
 2 instructions as to disposition are received. The failure of any party to provide notice or instructions  
 3 under this Paragraph shall not constitute a waiver of, or estoppel to, any claim of attorney-client  
 4 privilege, attorney work product, or other ground for withholding production as to which the  
 5 Producing Party would be entitled in the Litigation or any other federal or state proceeding. This  
 6 provision is designed to foreclose any arguments that this agreement, or the disclosure of Protected  
 7 Documents under it, waives a legally recognized claim of privilege, including without limitation the  
 8 attorney-client privilege, work-product doctrine, or other applicable privilege because the disclosure:

- 10 (a) was not inadvertent by the Producing Party;
- 11 (b) that the Producing Party did not take reasonable steps to
- 12 prevent the disclosure of privileged Documents;
- 13 (c) that the Producing Party did not take reasonable or timely steps
- 14 to rectify such Disclosure; and/or
- 15 (d) that such Disclosure acts as a waiver of applicable privileges or
- 16 protections associated with such Documents.

17 7. Disclosure shall be made to Recipients only as necessary for the prosecution of the  
 18 lawsuit and only after the Recipient has been informed of the terms of this Order and has agreed to  
 19 be bound by it. Before Protected Documents are disclosed to anyone, the intended Recipient shall be  
 20 first presented with a copy of this Order, and after reading it and agreeing to be bound by its terms,  
 21 sign the attached form of "Written Assurance," attached as Exhibit A (hereinafter "Assurance").  
 22 Assurances signed by experts shall be provided to counsel for Wal-Mart, when experts are disclosed.  
 23 Assurances signed by consultants, whether or not they are retained by the Plaintiff, shall be retained  
 24 by Plaintiff's counsel for as long as they retain their file after termination of the case. Protected  
 25 Documents shall not be disclosed to any person or in any manner not specified in this Order.  
 26 Further, Protected Documents shall not be used for any purpose other than the prosecution of this  
 27 lawsuit.

28 8. Persons having knowledge of Confidential Material and information by virtue of their  
 participation in the conduct of this litigation shall use them for that purpose only and only as

1 permitted herein, and shall not disclose such Confidential Material, their contents or any portion or  
2 summary thereof to any person(s) not involved in the conduct of this litigation. If any person having  
3 access to the Confidential Material herein shall violate this Order, he/she may be subject to sanctions  
4 by the Court.

5       9. If any party wishes to file Protected documents with the Court for any reason that  
6 party shall comply with FRCP 26(c) and file redacted copies of the documents as necessary. The  
7 party wishing to file Protected Documents must provide Wal-Mart's counsel with written notice that  
8 the records and other documents lodged will be placed in the public Court file unless Wal-Mart filed  
9 a timely motion or application to seal the records under FRCP 26(c)(1)(H). Within ten (10) days of  
10 this notification, Wal-Mart may file a motion or application for an Order sealing the Protected  
11 Documents. Pending determination of the motion or application, the lodge document(s) will be  
12 conditionally under seal. Until such time as the Court issues an Order sealing the Protected  
13 Documents, the original party seeking to use the documents may only refer the Court to the redacted  
14 version of the documents. Upon granting of an Order sealing the record, the document(s) will be  
15 sealed and labeled by the Court clerk according to FRCP 26(c)(1)(H).

16       10. Protected Documents may be referred to by a party in notices, motions, briefs or any  
17 other pleadings, may be used in depositions, and may be marked as deposition exhibits in this action.  
18 No such documents or information shall be used, however, for any of these purposes unless it, or the  
19 portion where it is revealed, is appropriately marked and protected from dissemination and, where  
20 filing is necessary, separately filed under seal with the Court pursuant to the provisions of paragraph  
21 9, above.

22       11. If, at the time of trial, a party intends to introduce into evidence any Protected  
23 Documents, it shall, pursuant to FRCP 26(c)(1)(H), lodge the documents with the Court, file redacted  
24 copies of the documents and provide Wal-Mart's counsel with written notice. Counsel for Wal-Mart  
25 shall then have the burden to obtain a ruling regarding sealing of the records under FRCP 26. Until a  
26 determination is made by the Court, the documents shall be lodged with the Court conditionally  
27 under seal. In any event, a party intending to introduce Protected Documents must allow 20 days to  
28 address the issues of preserving confidentiality with the Court.

1           12. Recipients of Protected Documents are, ~~either by virtue of direct application of the~~  
2 ~~Order or~~ by virtue of the execution of the Assurance referred to in paragraph 7 above, bound by the  
3 terms and restrictions of this Order and are subject to the jurisdiction of this Court for the purpose of  
4 enforcing the terms of this Order.

5           13. If a party wishes to modify this Order or its application to certain documents or  
6 information, he shall first request such modification from all parties' counsel, and if no satisfactory  
7 agreement is reached, may petition the Court for modification. Until modification is granted by  
8 agreement or Order, terms of this Order will govern. In the event the Plaintiff petitions the Court to  
9 modify this Order to certain documents or information, it shall be Wal-Mart's burden to demonstrate  
10 to the Court that the documents it designates should remain protected.

11           14. This Order shall not preclude the parties from exercising any rights or raising any  
12 objections otherwise available to them under the rules of discovery and evidence.

13           15. This Order shall continue to be binding throughout and after the conclusion of this  
14 litigation, including all appeals. Within 30 days of termination of this lawsuit, by judgment,  
15 settlement or voluntary dismissal, the Plaintiff's counsel, and any recipients of Protected Documents,  
16 shall return to Wal-Mart's counsel all such documents received under this Order, including all  
17 copies, prints, summaries and other reproductions of such information; however, counsel for the  
18 Plaintiff may keep an index of the documents for as long as they retain their file after termination of  
19 the case. Recipients shall return the Protected Documents along with a signed "Confirmation of  
20 Return of Protected Documents," attached as Exhibit B ("Confirmation"). The Confirmation shall be  
21 signed under penalty of perjury by the recipient. The Confirmation shall also be signed by counsel  
22 for the Plaintiff acknowledging that all documents provided by said counsel to the Recipient have  
23 been returned to counsel for Wal-Mart in accordance with this paragraph. However, any information  
24 designated in accordance with this Order that becomes part of a record on appeal shall be returned  
25 pursuant to this paragraph after all appeals have been exhausted.

26           16. It shall be the responsibility of counsel for the Plaintiff to act to preserve the  
27 confidentiality of Protected Documents. Said counsel shall undertake all steps necessary to preserve  
28 the confidentiality of such documents and information, including but not limited to: (1) monitoring



1 the release of Protected Documents to Recipients and by Recipients; (2) Obtaining the Assurances  
2 described in paragraph 7 above; and the confirmation described in paragraph 15, above; and (3)  
3 Providing the Assurances and confirmations to counsel for Wal-Mart in accordance with paragraphs  
4 7 and 15, respectively, above.

5 17. If any person receiving documents covered by this Order is served with a subpoena,  
6 order, interrogatory, or document or civil investigative demand (collectively, a "Demand") issued in  
7 any other action, investigation, or proceeding, and such Demand seeks material that was produced or  
8 designated as a Protected Documents, or requests information contained in a Protected Document,  
9 The Receiving Party shall promptly object to producing the Protected Documents on the grounds of  
10 the existence of this Protective Order; and give prompt written notice by hand or facsimile  
11 transmission within five (5) business days of receipt of such Demand to the party or non-party who  
12 produced the Protected Documents. The burden of opposing the enforcement of the Demand shall  
13 fall upon the party or non-party who produced or designated the material as Confidential Material.  
14 Unless the party or non-party who produced or designated the Confidential Material obtains an order  
15 directing that the Demand not be complied with, and serves such order upon the Receiving Party  
16 prior to production pursuant to the Demand, the Receiving Party shall be permitted to produce  
17 documents responsive to the Demand on the Demand response date, provided sufficient notice of the  
18 Demand was provided. Compliance by the Receiving Party with any order directing production  
19 pursuant to the Demand of any Confidential Material shall not constitute a violation of this Order.  
20 Nothing in this Order shall be construed as authorizing a party to disobey a lawful subpoena issued  
21 in another action.  
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25 18. In the event additional parties join or intervene in this litigation, the newly joined  
26 party(ies) shall not have access to Confidential Material until its/their counsel has executed and, at  
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1 the request of any party, filed with the Court the agreement of such party(ies) and such counsel to be  
2 fully bound by this Order.

3 19. The parties agree that nothing in this Order shall be deemed to limit the extent to which  
4 counsel for the parties may advise or represent their respective clients, conduct discovery, prepare for  
5 trial, present proof at trial, including any document herein, or oppose the production or admissibility  
6 of any information or documents which have been requested.  
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9 **ORDER**

10 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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13 **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

14 **DATED:** January 27, 2017  
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EXHIBIT A

WRITTEN ASSURANCE

STATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

I, \_\_\_\_\_, hereby attest to my understanding that information or documents designated confidential are provided to me pursuant to the terms and conditions and restrictions of the Confidentiality Protective Order of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016, in *Rodriguez v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-00384 -JAD-PAL. I have been given and read both Stipulation for Entry of Confidentiality Protective Order; Protective Order ("Protective Order") itself and I understand their terms. I agree that I shall not disclose to others, except in accordance with the Protective Order, such information or documents including notes or other memorandum or writings regarding information contained in them, and that such information or documents shall be used only for the purposes of the legal proceeding in which they are produced. I further agree and attest to my understanding that my obligation to honor the confidentiality of such information or documents will continue even after the termination of the legal proceeding. I further agree and attest to my understanding that, in the event that I fail to abide by the terms of the Protective Order, I may be subject to sanctions, including sanctions by way of contempt of Court, imposed by the court for such a failure. Further, I agree to subject myself to the jurisdiction of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, in and for any contempt proceeding or other appropriate sanctions as the Court may deem proper for a violation of the Court's Protective Order.

Subscribed and Sworn to before me this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public

EXHIBIT B

CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT OF DESIGNATED DOCUMENTS AND INFORMATION

I, \_\_\_\_\_, declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ that the following is true and correct:

1. My full name and business address are:

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2. I agreed to be bound by the terms and conditions of the Stipulation for Entry of Confidentiality Protective Order; Confidentiality Protective Order ("Protective Order") entered into by the parties in the matter of *Rodriguez v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:16-cv-00384 - JAD-PAL. I acknowledged by consent to be so bound by executing a Written Assurance.

3. I acknowledge that I received documents or information designated as "Subject to Confidentiality Protective Order," "Subject to Protective Order," "Confidential," or substantially similar designation, for the sole purpose of assisting in the preparation for trial and/or testimony in the above-captioned lawsuit.

4. Pursuant to paragraph 13 of the Protective Order identified above, I acknowledge that I am obligated to return to counsel for Wal-Mart any and all documents or information designated as "Subject to Confidentiality Protective Order," "Subject to Protective Order," "Confidential," or substantially similar designation, along with any all copies, prints, summaries, and other reproductions of such documents or information, immediately upon termination of the above-captioned lawsuit.

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**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNSEL**

I am an attorney licensed to practice in the State of \_\_\_\_\_. I hereby acknowledge receipt, from the declarant identified above, of all documents provided to said declarant by me or my office. Further, I hereby acknowledge delivering all documents received from the declarant to counsel for Wal-Mart immediately upon termination of the above-captioned lawsuit in compliance with paragraph 13 of the Stipulation for Entry of Confidentiality Protective Order and Protective Order between Wal-Mart and Plaintiff.

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Signature of Counsel

DATED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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